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Kind refce is invited to the previous Reg letter on the subject. No action was considered necessary at that stage and the complete file was sent informally to the I.S.P. and the Spl officer for Study. This office is not aware whether the I.S.P's office has taken copies of the letters. As such a copy of the previous letter with the present one will be sent to the I.S.P. for information and guidance.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 20th June *1941*.

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Air Raid Precautions - Scheme for the care of animals wounded or lost as a result of air raids.

SIR,

I am directed to forward for information a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Home Department to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.78/188/41-A.R.P., dated the 4th June 1941, with enclosure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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( ) to Chief Commissioner, Delhi.

I am directed to forward herewith a Scheme for the consideration of Provincial Governments/(you), for the care of animals wounded or lost as a result of air raids, which has been drawn up with the advice of the Animal Husbandry Commissioner with the Government of India.

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AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS FOR ANIMALS.

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For this purpose it is suggested that a committee should be formed from Government Veterinary Departments, the Veterinary profession of animal welfare societies.

OBJECTS.

The main objects of this Committee would be: -

(1) the prevention and alleviation of animal suffering;

(2) conservation of animals of economic value;

(3) the protection of human beings from panic stricken animals;

(4) the protection of food supplies for animals;

(5) the provision of general information and advice to animal owners.

FIRST AID POSTS.

So far as animals in cities are concerned, it will be necessary to plan and establish animals first aid posts, whilst mobile units would be organised to deal with animal casualties arising in or near city limits.

The first aid posts could be situated at the clinics or hospitals of veterinary surgeons or animal welfare societies; whilst other suitable buildings could be utilised for this purpose where clinics or hospitals do not exist.

ANIMAL GUARDS.

It will be necessary to organise an army of Voluntary Animal Guards which will act as Contact Officers between the

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first aid posts mentioned above and animal owners in each locality. Through the agency of these animal guards, arrangements should be made to register all domestic animals in Class I and II cities and to provide them with an identity disc so that in the event of their becoming lost or strayed in air raids or during black outs, restoration to their owners will be greatly simplified. Animal Guards should be recognised as official/Air Raid Precautions workers and wear a distinctive armlet.

Their duties are: -

(a) to make known to animal owners in their district the address of the nearest animal first aid post and to answer enquiries regarding Air Raid Precautions for animals.

(b) in the event of an air raid, to collaborate with the animal first aid posts in securing the speediest possible treatment for animals requiring it.

REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS.

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Animal Guards will record details of the animals in each household in his area and issue an individually numbered disc which the householder will be invited to attach securely to the animal and the number on the disc will be registered. The name and address of the animal owner and details of disc issued to him will be recorded.

It is hoped that volunteers will be found for the Animal Guard service from the Animal loving public.

The Chief Veterinary Officer of each Province should be asked to undertake the duties of Regional Veterinary Officer to co-ordinate the work of expert *workers and animal guards in each area.

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No. 188/41-A.R.P.(C.D.)
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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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31st March 1942.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

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For the rest I am to ~~xx~~ suggest that the veterinary services and the S.P.C.A., who, it may be presumed, will do all that is possible to help both in and after a raid, will not find it altogether beyond their resources to cope with the requirements of the situation. The intensity of the raiding over so vast an area as is now regarded as vulnerable is not expected to be so great as to warrant expenditure on any considerable scale beforehand.

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